

## Summary Questions and Analysis Related to Paideia Part 2

The former are inserted into the divine decree while the latter are not. The only way we can understand the decree of God with our inferior capacities of finite thought, is to imagine God viewing history sequentially rather than inclusively. This permits us to note the following definition of Omniscience and relate it to our study:

*"Omniscience perceives the free as free (God will never tamper with your volition), the necessary as necessary (divine justice as our point of reference), together with all their causes, conditions, and relations, as one indivisible system of things (every cause and effect is related to another cause and effect, and so on, so that the course of human history is just as man thinks it, wills it, and does it), every link of which is essential to the integrity of the whole."*

The "free as free" refers to the fact that every person's volition is free and thus the decisions he makes are, at bottom, uncoerced. "Necessary as necessary" means that in human history since the Fall of Adam, our point of contact with the essence of God is His justice.

Although God never manipulates human volition, He does choose to bless compliance with divine mandates and to chastise noncompliance with divine mandates. Together with these things, God perceives causes, conditions, and relations, as one indivisible system of things.

Question: What are the causes, conditions, and relations to the fact that a person decides to express negative volition to the Gospel?

Causes of negative volition might include the failure of parents to properly instill a respect for the laws of divine establishment, duly appointed authority, and parental policies. Further, a contorted Zeitgeist manages to corrupt the culture to the extent that establishment morality is defined down to the level of barbarism.

Education assaults the heritage of Western civilization and associates every kind of crime and evil with Christianity. The fallow mind of the person's youth thus found little motivation to identify with absolute norms and standards.

This motivated an anti-authority attitude developed from extreme self-centeredness and application of the three arrogant skills: self-justification, self-deception and self-absorption. Although the individual is held entirely responsible for his own decision to reject Christ, others are involved under the principle of accountability.

God appoints adults, beginning with parents, the responsibility of protecting the soul of a child. This is accomplished by first organizing his stream of consciousness by teaching him morality and manners, developing respect for authority under enforced and genuine humility, and orienting him to the love, righteousness, and justice of God, all with the intent of developing objectivity toward the Gospel.

Accountability means that justice will seek a reckoning for failure to achieve the objective which is clearly stated in:

**Deuteronomy 6:4 - SHAMA YISRAEL, ADONAI ELOHENU, ADONAI ECHAD:**  
Hear, O Israel, the Lord [Jesus Christ] is our God, the Lord [Jesus Christ] is unique.

**Deuteronomy 6:5 -** You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

**Deuteronomy 6:6 -** And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart:

**Deuteronomy 6:7** - and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

The failure of parents to develop establishment norms and standards into the soul of their child results in punishment from God. Also, the child is in danger of being too self-centered to give the Gospel an objective hearing.

**Matthew 18:10** - See too it that you do not despise one of these little ones.

**Matthew 18:14** - It is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.

The omniscience of God knows the potentials as well as the realities of human thought, decision, and action.

Males and females who choose to procreate but who then choose not to develop their child's conscience according to establishment and/or doctrinal standards will be held accountable by God. If God is able to discern that parental apathy regarding their mission produced the mental environment which led to the child rejecting the Gospel, then the parents must suffer divine chastisement.

God knew in eternity past who would believe in Christ and who would not. Those whom He knew from foreknowledge would accept Christ as Savior, He designated as the elect. But nothing can be foreknown until it is first of all decreed.

The divine decrees may be viewed as a giant computer into which God's omniscience inserted all the data of human thought, decision, and action over the course of human history. A printout from that computer reveals who among the many expressed positive volition toward the Gospel. This is called theologically, "foreknowledge." Foreknowledge simply recognizes what is in the decrees.

The decrees establish reality. Foreknowledge is a special printout listing the names of those who believe during the course of human history. Foreknowledge never establishes reality or determines reality; it only verifies reality.